

Spot Checking
 Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
 By Bill Whitman



G'Bye '67, Hello '68

Well, that's the way it goes! We've all gotta go sometime, so lets all go out in a blaze of glory—just like 1967 is going to do next week-end. There'll be festive times throughout the Southland during this three-day holiday, but take it easy. We all want to meet again come Tuesday morning.

There're big things in the wind at the International Hotel, for example. All kinds of foods and stuff in the various rooms there and at prices that'll meet your pocketbook. In the Penthouse Restaurant, for example, it's a complete Filet Mignon Dinner, including a bottle of the bubbly, for \$17.50 per person. And in the Hunt Room it's a complete Prime Rib Dinner, also with champagne, at \$12.50 per each.

The Kirk Stuart Trio will furnish the music in the Penthouse for your dancing and listening pleasure, while Frankie Remley and his quartette are in the Hunt Room. Should be a bash.

Over on El Segundo Blvd. The Red Vest is tossing another one for your enjoyment on New Year's Eve. This one's a complete dinner at \$15.00. That's dinner for two, y'know and includes champagne. Mel Erickson is carrying on there for dancing, listening, and entertainment. Good size dance floor at the Red Vest, too.

There's a special New Year's Eve menu at The Matador. It's a complete dinner with three main entrees consisting of Filet Mignon, Roast Duckling or New York Steak.

Favors, noisemakers, hats, the whole works along with a variety of Flamenco entertainment will further enliven

the gala evening. How much? Well, for the whole evening it'll run just \$9.85. Whether or not you can still get in to The Matador at this late date is problematical, but you can give 'em a try. If you are able to make it, it'll be worth the price.

The Marquis on the Sunset Strip will have lots of party favors, fun and entertainment, too. They're taking reservations for tables until 8 in the evening and featured on the special New Year's Eve menu will be a choice of Filet Mignon, Prime Rib, New York Steak, Frog's Legs Marquis, Boneless Squab en Casserole Montmorency with Black Cherries and Wild Rice, Prime Rib of Beef, Broiled Lobster Thermidor, and Filet of Veal Pizzaiola among other entrees.

The complete dinner will run you \$12.50 and entertainment will be furnished by the Sam Ray Trio in the Oak Barrel Bar, plus strolling musicians in the White Room and the Marquessa Room.

Now there on La Cienega

and La Tijera Blvds. you'll find a delightful room—The King's X, where there'll also be a special New Year's menu offered. There's Broiled Lobster at \$8.50, Prime Rib at the same price, a New York Steak or Filet Mignon running \$10 each, or if you feel like going the full tilt for \$11, you may have the Gourmet's Delight. Dinner will be served from about 7 p.m. 'til 11:30.

And for entertainment, you can't beat Sue Stevens and The Hi-Hats, strictly a Las Vegas Lounge act that is a complete miniature revue.

Sue Stevens is on the cocktail drums, Bobby Mann on piano, and Carl Freeman on bass for highly talented musicianship and entertainment. This group was originally booked into the King's X for a two-week gig. Well, now they're completing their SECOND YEAR, if you please, and perform niftily to capacity crowds. Glamorous Sue does some outstanding vocals while the Hi-Hats carry on with their hilarious antics.

For novelty music, the act uses electronic harmonicas of all shapes and sizes and do a very funny bit on The Harmonics playing "Peg o' My Heart" that has you rolling. So why not make your reservations now for a New Year's Eve whing-ding at the King's X!

Just up the street in Tor-

rance on Pacific Coast Highway you'll find The Halfway House. Well, now, just what the Halfway can do for an encore is anybody's guess. Seems like it's always New Year's Eve there with the crowds they've been attracting lately. It's the Romans niftily and you can believe there'll be a swinger there New Year's Eve.

Sam Failla's holding a session at his San Francisco Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge on Sepulveda and Crenshaw, and here, to, it's always like New Year's Eve. But recalling the swinger they had there last New Year's, this one should be no different. Food, fun, frolic, and wall-to-wall people.

Of course, there'll be the hats and noisemakers, favors, and PRIZES! So why not become a noisemaker yourself at the San Francisco! It'll be a do! Johnny Hoover and the Henchmen, along with Ivy "Sex on the Sax" Black furnish the music.

Down on the tip of the Palos Verdes Peninsula you'll find those wild men — The Wilder Brothers—carrying on as only the Wilders can at The Galley West Restaurant. These guys are always a gas, no matter how many times you've seen them, plus they put out some wonderful

ly smooth dancing music. Let's see now, where the heck is that card Walt sent me... ah, here it is. Yeah, they're Warner, Wait, George, Linda (this's a BROTHER) Allen and Vern. Well, actually the first three are the true Wilders but that doesn't stop the rest of them from being a little wild, too.

The Jack English Trio is also featured at the Galley West.

Then there's to be another hilarious dinger at Rose and Louise Song's Tea House on Crenshaw in the general area of the Rolling Hills Plaza. In fact, it's just before you get to the Plaza on the left hand side of Crenshaw going towards Pacific Coast Highway.

More noisemakers and hats and favors here, too, plus music and entertainment furnished by the stimulating Havalkis.

You've got two choices when you think of Walley Bottello. Y'know, he's got the Velvet Turtle on Catalina in Redondo Beach as well as Sam's Cafe on Sepulveda in Torrance, both highly successful dinner houses.

As Walley says, "It's always a Happy New Year at these two places."

You'll dine from the regular menu and there'll be hats, favors, noisemakers, and all

stuff like that there and, as per, there are no reservations necessary.

Here's still another double shot for you. It's the two Red Onions, one on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center and the new one that just opened today, the 27th, on South Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance.

Bart also says there'll be no hand to see that your every need is fulfilled, be it some of that fine Sonora style Mexican food, cocktails, hats, noisemakers, and all that.

Bart also says there'll be increase in price for the New Year's Eve thing and reservations are not required.

Don Rogers at Rogers Res-

taurant in Peninsula Center gives you a multiple choice on his special holiday menu for New Year's, too.

At the \$4.95 going rate you have a choice of Tournados of Beef, Top Sirloin Steak, and Lobster Combination, Australian Lobster Tail or Prime Rib of Beef.

Don'll also furnish you with the necessary hats and noisemakers for your New Year's Eve celebration while "Big Doug" will furnish you with the libations from the friendly cocktail bar.

Ge, come to think of it, all you cats on "the hill" wouldn't have to do too much driving to enjoy a scrumptious New Year's Eve, would you! Lots of places up there!

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